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Sercial Madeira, a superior 1939 Hock, Chateau Margeaux 1953 (from double magnums presented in huge impressive decanters), Chateau Rieussec (a good haut sauterne), vintage port, and 1865 Cognac.

Tongues were unloosed. I was asked to say a few words. Mytalk degenerated into an oration; at the end of it, I was elected an honorary member of the Committee, and shall henceforth be entitled to attend these gatherings, four times a year.

It was a really splendid occasion.

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General Joseph P. McConnell, Deputy Commander of US Forces in Europe (CINCEUR), called on me this morning. He is from Arkansas. I found him [redacted] sympathetic.

At 11:30, I opened the new US Travel Center, the first to be established in Europe, at 10 Vigo Street. I prepared notes for the occasion, but departed almost entirely from the following text:

I was followed by Alistair Cooke. It was the first time I ever heard him speak. His seemingly extemporaneous discourse was a masterpiece.

Melvin Lasky came to lunch with me at the office. We spent a couple of hours discussing the Common Market and the Berlin situation.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Robinson, from Boston, came to see me. He is Chairman of the Board of Massachusetts Investors Trust, and a Director of the American Research and Development Company. It was a pleasure seeing this agreeable couple.

I left tonight from St. Pancras Station by rail for Manchester, where I spent the night at the Midlands Hotel.

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